

REMARKS

CLAIM NUMBERING

Applicant apologizes for the claim list error in the last amendment, which is corrected herein. Applicant thanks the Examiner for being patient.

DRAWING

The drawing is corrected herein as requested by the Examiner. The specification has also been amended to conform to the new sheet of drawing. No new matter is added as the drawing and specification changes are just tracking what was in the claims originally.

ART REJECTIONS

The art rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants' prior remarks are incorporated by reference and supplemented as follows.

Any of the Examiner's rejections and/or points of argument that are not addressed below or in the incorporated comments would appear to be moot in view of the following. Nevertheless, Applicants reserve the right to respond to those rejections and arguments and to advance additional arguments at a later date. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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Bachman (claims 8-10)

These claims all recite method for manufacturing a foil for use in a light source. Once again, the Examiner cites Bachman. As discussed before, the prior remarks on this topic being incorporated herein by reference, Bachman relates to an x-ray source. X-rays are not light. A 102 rejection is especially in appropriate, since Bachman does not teach a light source.

Moreover, it is not obvious to export technology from x-ray sources to light sources. Given the different energy levels involved, those of ordinary skill in the art would not know, without undue experimentation, that a material to be used in an x-ray tube could be used in a light source.

Also, x-ray tubes have a very different pressure situation from light sources. There is some vapor pressure from their liquid metal targets; but not as much as would be found in the gas for a light-emitting gas discharge lamp. Therefore foils designed for x-ray tubes would not necessarily work under the pressure situations found in tubes that discharge light.

Applicants accordingly respectfully submit that the Examiner has failed to make a *prima facie* case against claims 8-10.

Wieser/Bachman (claims 1-7 and 11-15)

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Wieser is the art cited in the specification. The Examiner concedes that it lacks the recited window from the claims. To correct this deficiency, the Examiner cites Bachman, already discussed above. As explained above, it would not be obvious to use Bachman in the light context. Applicants accordingly respectfully submit that the Examiner has not made a *prima facie* case against these claims.

The dependent claims recite additional patentable distinctions over the references. Some examples appear below.

Claim 4

The Examiner states that element 102 of Bachman is a metal brazing layer. Applicants have reviewed the reference and see element 102 characterized only as a “retaining element.” Why does the Examiner think that this element has anything to do with metal brazing? Applicants suspect that the Examiner may have mischaracterized the reference

Claim 5

Similarly, the Examiner states that element 102 is an organic adhesion layer. Again, Applicants see this element only characterized as “retaining element.” Why

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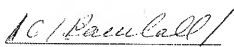
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Applicants respectfully submit that they have addressed each issue raised by the Examiner — except for any that were skipped as moot — and that the application is accordingly in condition for allowance. Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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